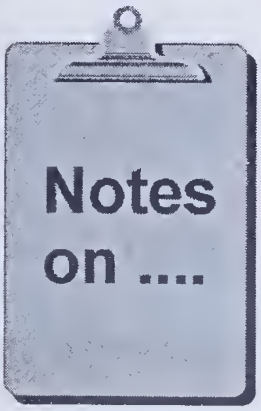

Note from the Honorary Editor: "Notes on ....."

The Society wishes to encourage scientists to publish short notes dealing with original research done in any branch of the natural or physical sciences in Western Australia, or concerning some aspect of natural or physical science of relevance to Western Australian scientists. Notes will be restricted to a maximum length of two printed pages. Manuscripts submitted as a Note will be reviewed in the same manner as full articles, but I hope that referees will be willing to provide reviews within 7 days and so the review process should be quite rapid.

Our objective in publishing "Notes on ..." is to encourage the dissemination of research findings that might not be enough for a full paper but nevertheless be of interest to other scientists, especially those in Western Australia. In addition, specific aspects of student theses, particular findings of commissioned reports, or isolated observations of significance might be well presented as a one or two page note.

The note in this issue by Withers & Thompson illustrates the format for "Notes on ..." This note, for example, consisted of 1700 words, in addition to two single column figures and two single column tables. Authors should ensure optimum size and use of tables and figures, and keep text to a minimum, to ensure that notes can be formatted to fit a maximum of two printed pages. If necessary, editorial changes will be made to ensure that notes do not exceed two printed pages. To assist authors in preparing notes, a template document (Microsoft® Word and rtf files) is available on the RSWA web site (see JRSWA page).

I hope that members will take this opportunity for rapid publication of short Notes.

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